

**The Crucible, Act III**, by Arthur Miller  
**Reading Strategy: Categorize Characters by Role**

When you read stories or plays with many characters, it is easy to lose track of just exactly who thinks what, who does what, and who offends whom. **Categorizing characters** according to their roles can help you keep track of any number of players. In addition, categorizing may lead you to a discovery about a character's motives or a plot development.

**DIRECTIONS:** *Categorize the characters in Act III by answering the following questions.*

1. Three different roles are played out in the court scene.

Who are the court officials? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who are the accusers in Act III? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who are accused in Act III? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Some characters tell the truth, and some do not.

Who lies in Act III? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who tells the truth in Act III? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Into what other category or set of categories do the characters in Act III fit? Label the categories and list the characters in the space provided.

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